

“PRAYER AND THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE”

I. THE VALUE OF PARTNERING WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN PRAYER

A. The Responsibilities of the Praying Husband (1 Peter 3:7)

1. As a husband you are commanded by God to _____ your wife as _____ loved the Church. (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19)

2. God’s will for every Christian husband (as seen in 1 Peter 3:7) is for him to...
 - a. _____ with his wife with _____
 - b. give _____ to his wife
 - c. recognize that she is the weaker vessel and she needs _____ and needs to feel _____ in the marriage relationship

3. If the husband fails to fulfill his God given _____ as the head of the home, this failure will be reflected by his prayers being _____.

B. The Responsibilities of the Praying Wife (1 Peter 3:1-6)

1. As a wife you are commanded by God to _____ your husband, because the Lord has established him the _____ of the home. (Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1)

2. God’s will for every Christian wife (as seen in 1 Peter 3:1-4) is to...
 - a. _____ to her husband even if he is _____ saved or he is saved, but _____
 - b. “win” her husband over by her _____
 - c. use her spiritual adornment, which emphasizes the _____ instead of the _____ aspects of adornment.
 - d. recognize “incorruptible beauty” is represented by a _____ and _____ spirit

C. The Married Praying Couple (could include dating couples somewhat as well)

1. Some practical ways to specifically pray _____ your spouse...

- a. that his/her _____ for Jesus Christ would increase, and a desire to _____ in Him would develop (Eph. 3:13-21; John 15:4-5)
- b. that his/her _____ and _____ for the Word of God would increase (1 Pet. 2:2-3)
- c. that the _____ that both of you once enjoyed in your newly wed days would begin to _____ once again and it would _____
- d. that he/she would make _____ or _____ time for _____ together as a priority in your marriage (Eph. 6:18; Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 5:17)
- e. that he/she would see the benefits of _____ God into the marriage via prayer

2. Some things to consider when regarding praying _____ your spouse...

- a. The underlining reason most husbands and wives will not pray with their mate is due to a refusal to _____ their own vulnerability or _____ before God.
- b. The praying couple is spiritually _____ together as a _____, and they are now operating on the _____ level that God originally intended (Matt. 18:20).

* How can you begin to implement this in your own marriage?